(b) if so, whether any progress has been made in any of the hilly area in any State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Rain water harvesting in hilly areas is being done through a number of techniques, one of which is the construction of check dams through which water is stored in small lakes.

The Central Ground Water Board is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water at a cost of Rs. 25.00 crores during Ninth Five Year Plan. Under this scheme, check dams are also being constructed in pilot projects under implementation in Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh.

Procurement of electronic geophysical bore hole logging

1850. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals for procurement of electronic geophysical bore hole logging EL-600 M-92 and Natural Gumma Ray log have been received from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government will approve these proposals early for development of Himachal Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The Central Ground Water Board has not received such proposals from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.